

- (a) the projects running in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the amount spent on each project;
- (c) time fixed to complete each project;
- (d) new projects to be taken in the current five year plan for Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) the allocations to be made for each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (c) Total 78 projects amounting to Rs. 8023.00 crores are under implementation in Andhra Pradesh and an expenditure of Rs. 2653.00 crores has been incurred on these projects. These works are targeted for completion by December, 2013.

(d) and (e) Project-wise plans are prepared on annual basis. Accordingly, it is proposed to take up new projects amounting to Rs. 6696.00 crores in Andhra Pradesh during current financial year 2009-10.

Effect of Golden Quadrilateral project on Pench National park

□2062. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of places through which route of North-South, East-West Golden Quadrilateral road project passes;
- (b) whether this road passes through Pench National Park situated between Nagpur and Seoni;
- (c) if so, whether this road would not pose any danger to wild life and environment after completion; and
- (d) whether, keeping in view eventual environmental hazards to National Park, it is proposed or being proposed to change its route to Nagpur-Chhindwara-Narsinghpur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Golden Quadrilateral road project passes through Delhi - Agra - Kanpur - Allahabad -Varanasi - Durgapur - Kolkata - Kharagpur - Bhubaneswar - Vishakhapatnam - Vijaywada -Nellore - Chennai - Kanchipuram - Hosur - Bengaluru - Tumkur - Hubli - Belguam - Satara -Pune - Mumbai - Manor - Surat - Ahmadabad - Udaipur - Kishangarh. - Jaipur - Delhi. North -South corridor passes through Srinagar - Udhampur - Jammu - Pathankot - Jalandhar - Ambala - Panipat - Delhi - Agra - Morena - Gwalior - Jhansi - Sagar - Nagpur - Kadloor -Hydrabad - Bengaluru - Hosur - Salem - Madurai - Kanyakumari. It also has a spur from Salem to Kochi. East - West corridor passes through Silchar - Lumding - Nagoan - Guwahati - Bijni -Siliguri - Purnea - Darbhanga - Gorakhpur - Ayodhya - Lucknow - Kanpur - Jhansi - Shivpuri -Kota -Udaipur - Rajkot - Porbandar .

□ Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) No Sir. The stretch passes along the periphery of Mowgli - Pench sanctuary via Mohagoan - Rukhar - Kurai section of NH-7 between Seoni and Nagpur.

(c) No Sir. Mitigative measures proposed/advised by forest department have been incorporated.

(d) Central Empowered Committee, after a series of hearings has referred the matter for consideration of Hon'ble Supreme Court. A final decision would be taken only after decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Construction of road per day

2063.SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that only a mere 4 km are constructed every day;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the target set to achieve more 15 km per day; and
- (d) the additional funds to be allocated for this purpose in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the last five years from 01.06.2004 to 31.05.2009, about 7,759 kms of highways has been completed under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) for 4/6 laning, which works out about 4 kms per day. The reasons for delay in implementation is mainly due to problems associated with land acquisition, shifting of utilities, clearances for ROBs, poor performance of contractors, law & order problem in some states. Award of projects was also affected due to inability of the developers to raise necessary finance on account of prevailing economic downturn.

(c) It is planned to complete four-laning of about 3165 km of National Highways and award of projects for a length of 9800 km during 2009-10.

(d) No state-wise allocation of funds is made under NHDP. Project expenditure in states including in Andhra Pradesh is met out of overall allocation to National Highways Authority of India.

Upgradation of State highways in Gujarat

2064.SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR:

SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has been since long requesting to Government of India for upgradation of State Highways and proposal for upgradation of 41 State Highways (5480 km length) submitted to Government of India;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the present status of the proposal;